

Situation Report

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Need testing?

- [Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 can get tested, for free, at Multnomah County's East County Health Center](#) (600 NE 8th St., Gresham). We focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities, people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider. Testing hours are: Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Call 503-988-8939 to make an appointment.
- [Oregon Health and Sciences University \(OHSU\) offers mobile, drive-through testing sites in Portland and Hillsboro](#). OHSU uses guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority to determine testing parameters. Anyone over two months of age with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) can get tested. People without symptoms can get tested: if they are having surgery, giving birth, or having another qualifying procedure at OHSU; if they are severely immuno-compromised and are following a de-isolation protocol; if a public health department has required them to get tested; if they identify as a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker; if they are Black, African-American, Latinex, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander; if they have a disability; or if their first language is not English. This information was verified with OHSU staff on July 6, 2020.

Testing locations are:

- Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Dr., Portland, Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NE Century Blvd., Hillsboro, Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

People may be denied testing at OHSU, if they:

- Do not meet the testing criteria above,
- Have Legacy, Providence, or Kaiser insurance (people with these insurance plans will be referred to their in-network provider systems for testing), or

- Arrive after the line is too long for testing to be completed by 4:00 pm. (On most days, OHSU begins turning people away between 12:00 and 2:30 pm).
- For more information about testing sites, who should get tested, and what to expect from your COVID-19 test, see Multnomah County's [COVID-19 Testing](#) page.

Multnomah County Emergency Operations Section Updates

The Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a temporary network that works within the [Mission, Vision and Values of Multnomah County](#). The EOC develops objectives based on guidance from the Chair and Chief Operating Officer. The EOC provides wrap around services to support County departments that are operating beyond their normal capacity. The EOC provides a framework that incorporates staff from across all County departments, as well as community volunteers and representatives from partner agencies and organizations to direct the full complement of this combined effort toward accomplishing the County's objectives.

Announcements and Featured Media

- Today at 12:30 pm, the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) will host a live question and answer session](#) on Facebook to address inquiries from the public regarding the state's COVID-19 data. OHA staff will host a simultaneous Q&A in Spanish, on the [OHA en Español](#) Facebook page.
- The upcoming [Multnomah County Special Election](#) for Portland City Council Position 2 will take place on Tuesday, August 11. Voters can [drop off ballots at all Multnomah County Libraries](#): All [Multnomah County Libraries](#) (except Fairview, Gresham, and Troutdale) will accept ballots in their book drops beginning Wednesday, July 22, and through 8 pm on Election Day, August 11.
- Last week, Multnomah County Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines and State Health Officer Dr. Dean E. Sidelinger both issued open letters to Oregon businesses, regarding COVID-19 tests for employees who are returning to work. [Dr. Vines said](#), "we do not endorse requiring proof of negative COVID-19 test results as a condition of reopening or returning to work." [Dr. Sidelinger stated](#), "Testing of individuals with no COVID-19 like symptoms is very unlikely to detect cases of COVID-19 and does not provide any guarantee that COVID-19 will not enter the workplace." The two letters are available on Multnomah County's [Business Reopening Tools](#) page.
- On July 13, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#), [The Skanner News](#), and [Willamette Week](#) all published stories on the new statewide COVID-19 prevention mandates that Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced Monday: a requirement that people wear face coverings while outdoors, whenever they cannot maintain a six-foot physical distance from others, and a ban on social gatherings of more than 10 people. [Willamette Week](#)'s story quotes the Governor: "We need to do absolutely everything we can to reduce transmission in ways that do not require us to close down businesses again. . . . The proof here will be in the numbers. Either people will adhere to this requirement and be a positive force for stopping COVID-19, or I will be forced to take more restrictive measures." The outdoor face coverings requirement takes effect today, July 15.
- On July 13, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that Oregon Occupational Safety and Health \(Oregon OSHA\) is encouraging Oregonians to report workplace hazards related to coronavirus concerns through its new online complaint form](#): "Oregon OSHA said people can still call in complaints, but the

online form is an easy option. Although the page says the form is for employees, a drop down menu in the actual form has a ‘concerned citizen’ section.”

- On July 13, [Oregon Senator Ron Wyden visited Multnomah County’s free, drive-through COVID-19 testing site in Gresham](#), where he met County health staff, and discussed federal COVID-19 relief with Public Health Director Rachael Banks, Integrated Clinical Services Interim Director Tasha Wheatt-Delancy, and Communicable Disease Services Director Kim Toevs. This story was also reported by [KPTV](#).

EOC Section: [Public Information](#)

The Public Information Section provides accurate, coordinated, timely and accessible information with the goal of reducing the spread of COVID-19. This information is disseminated to local governments; media; the private sector; and the community through the Multnomah County COVID-19 website, social media, media outlets, call centers, and direct efforts with culturally specific communities. Particular attention is paid to the communities most affected by COVID-19 and people who may not receive information through mainstream means. Content and materials are developed for individuals with disabilities and/or access and functional needs, differing levels of literacy, and with particular care being taken to effectively meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. The Public Information Section uses an equity lens to create material which is culturally specific to the needs of the many communities represented within the county.

Social media highlights

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
 - [Have a safer summer](#): If you’re hanging out with people you don’t live with, keep it outside and wear a face covering.
- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
 - [New statewide rules](#) announced Monday by the Governor.
 - [COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Oregon](#). If you’re reconsidering getting together with folks outside of your household, Oregon Health Authority has some tips.
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
 - [Travel increases your risk of getting and spreading #COVID19](#)

EOC Section: [Operations](#)

The Operations section has several operational areas, each of which report on daily metrics. Weekly metrics are reported each Wednesday.

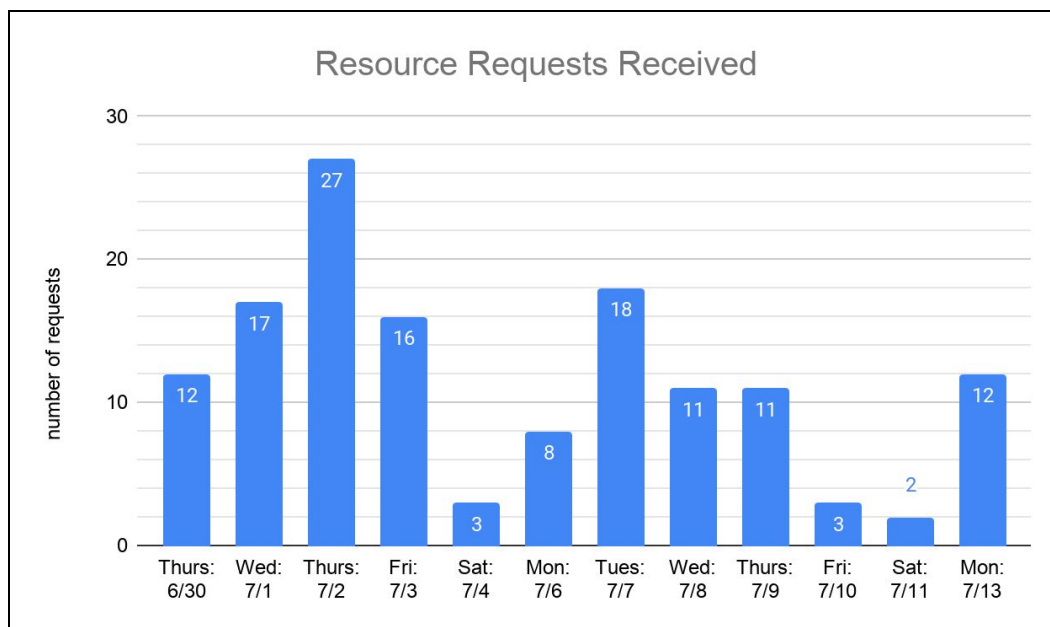
Resource Request Unit

The Resource Request Unit is a group of diverse subject matter experts that represent and advocate for the needs of the communities Multnomah County serves. The team allocates critical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to health and community organizations in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When allocating PPE, the Resource Request Unit prioritizes the needs of people living in congregate (group) settings, organizations experiencing an outbreak, organizations that perform life saving operations (hospitals, clinics, etc), and organizations that serve communities of color, people ages 65 and

older, and people with underlying health conditions. These priorities are part of Multnomah County's commitment to dedicate resources to the populations most impacted by COVID-19.

Within the Resource Request Unit, the Community Resources team helps community groups such as social service organizations, food pantries, faith organizations, businesses, and many others navigate the EOC resource request and allocation process. In addition, they provide information and answer questions about availability of supplies and which PPE is indicated for particular circumstances. The team addresses the needs of the community with a strong equity lens and trauma-informed communication, and prioritizes service to those most at risk. You can reach the Community Resources team at communityresources@multco.us, or by calling 503-988-8940.

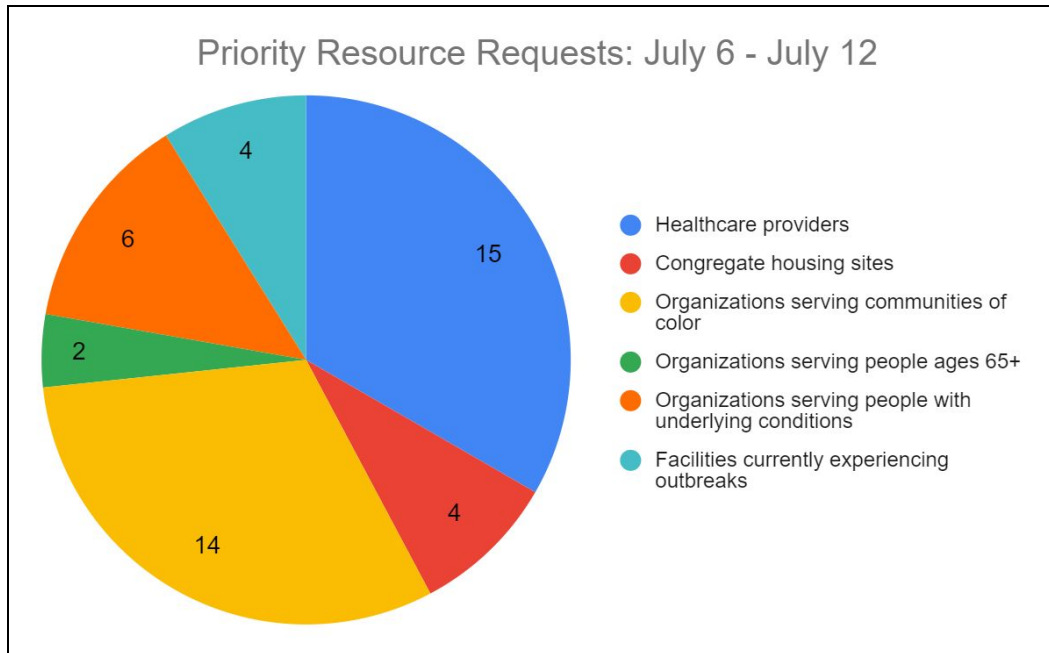
Daily Metrics: The Resource Request Unit tracks how many requests for resources it receives over a 24-hour period ending at 12:00 pm each day. The chart below shows the number of daily requests over the past two weeks.



The Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.

Weekly Metrics: During the week of **Monday, July 6** through **Sunday, July 12**, the Resource Request Unit processed **65** requests. Of these, **45** requests met the county's priorities to dedicate resources to the populations most impacted by COVID-19:

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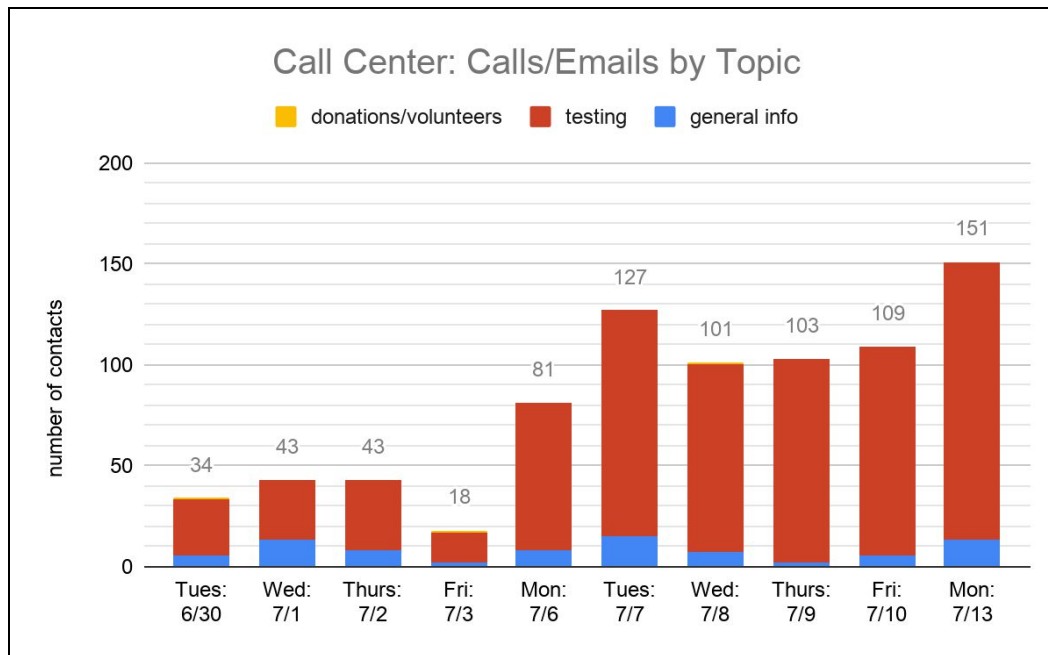
Note: In the above chart, healthcare providers and congregate housing sites include those that may specifically serve communities of color or people ages 65+. In other words, if a healthcare provider organization or congregate housing site specifically serves communities of color or people ages 65+, they are categorized as healthcare providers or congregate housing sites and not counted as an organization serving communities of color or as an organization serving people 65+.

Call Center

The EOC Call Center answers a range of questions and concerns from community members related to COVID-19. Callers are connected directly from the Multnomah County Health Department and occasionally from 211. The Multnomah County emergency response team at the EOC continually update the Call Center script content based on questions received. The Call Center also helps provide information regarding the many questions related to testing and assists by supporting Multnomah County Health with contact tracing, and scheduling appointments for the County's low-barrier COVID-19 testing.

Daily Metrics: The Call Center tracks how many calls and emails it responds to each day (the Call Center is open Monday through Friday). The chart below shows the number of calls and emails per day for the past two weeks, broken down by three topic categories.

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The Call Center is open Mondays-Fridays.

EOC Section: Mass Care and Shelter ([Emergency Support Function 6](#))

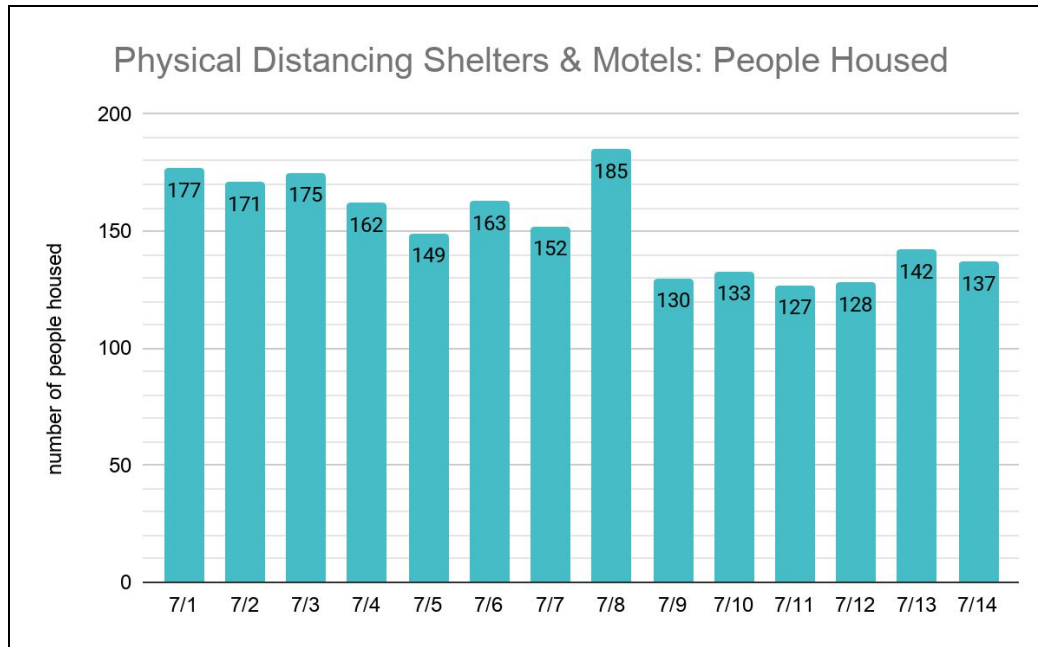
Until July 1, Multnomah County operated three Physical Distancing Shelters and one Physical Distancing Motel, with a total capacity of **365 people**; as well as two Voluntary Isolation Motels with a total capacity of **120 people**.

Starting July 1, the County began a process of transitioning the Physical Distancing Motels to non-profit providers for long-term operations. On July 1, Human Solutions, Inc., took over operations of the first Physical Distancing Motel. On July 7, Transition Projects began moving high-risk adults into the County's second Physical Distancing Motel Shelter in Northeast Portland. This motel will house adults and couples in 53 rooms. The county has contracts with two additional motels, for an additional 83 rooms, which will open during the month of July. These motels will be opened and operated by local nonprofit Do Good Multnomah. As these properties transition to non-profit management, they will no longer be reported in this Situation Report.

Although the total capacity of the County's system of Physical Distancing shelters remains the same, Multnomah County's **daily capacity at County-operated Physical Distancing Shelters** is now **315 beds**. This capacity will continue to change as we transition more spaces to non-profit operations over the next month. The County is thankful for the partnership with nonprofit providers in this effort.

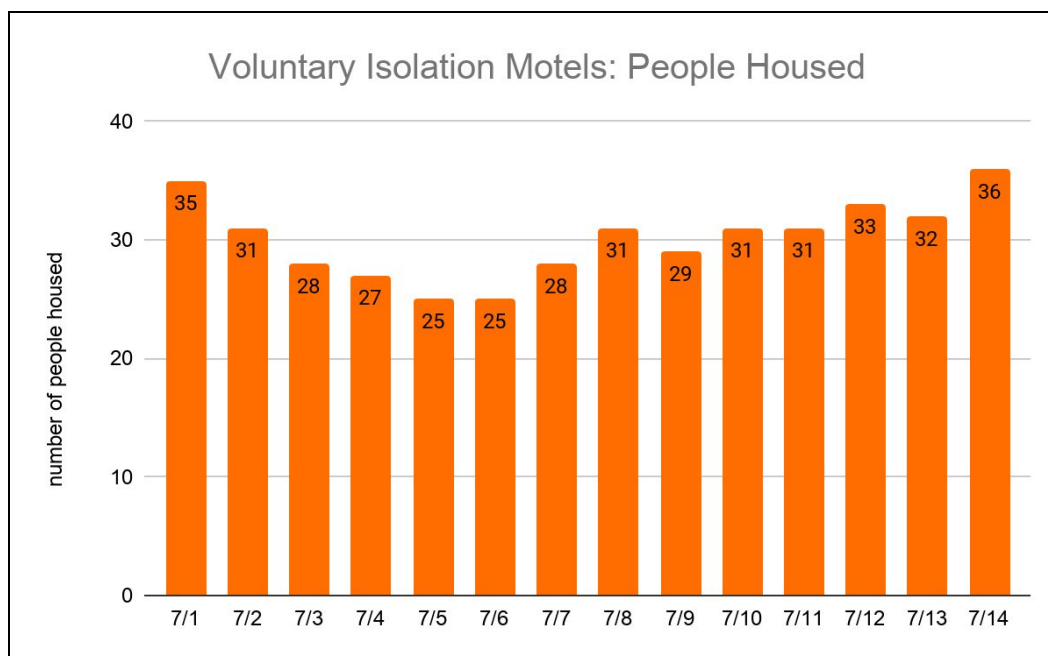
Daily Metrics: The Mass Care and Shelter Unit tracks how many people are housed in Physical Distancing Shelters and Motels, and in Voluntary Isolation Motels each day. The charts below show the number of people housed for each day of the past two weeks.

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Notes: This chart shows corrected data for 7/3, 7/4, 7/8 and 7/9. Data for 7/14 is an estimate.

On July 1, 58 beds of Physical Distancing Shelter/Motel capacity transferred to a non-profit organization that will run the program as part of regular Joint Office of Homeless Services contracts and programming. This results in a lower capacity reported in the above graph, although the total shelter capacity in the County remains the same.



EOC Section: Public Health and Medical ([Emergency Support Function 8](#))

The Public Health and Medical Section works to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Multnomah County, and to minimize the impacts of the disease on individuals and our community.

Epidemiology Data

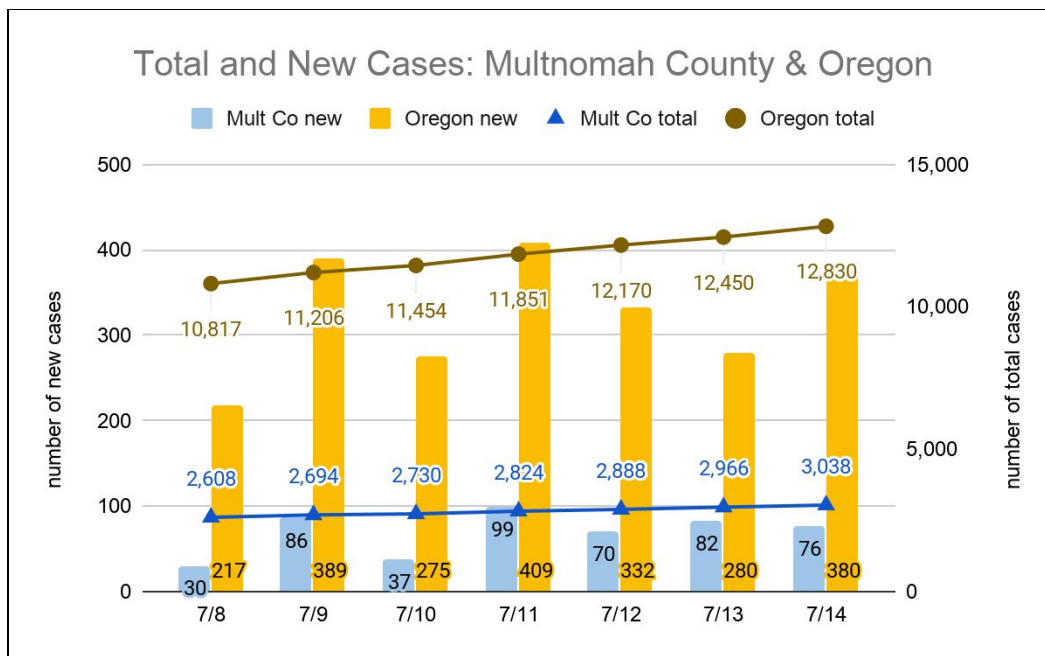
This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is ongoing.

COVID-19 cases and deaths in Multnomah County and in Oregon

There were **380 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on July 14.

Seventy-six of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **3,038** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **12,830** cases in Oregon.

Multnomah County cases make up **24%** of the state's total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

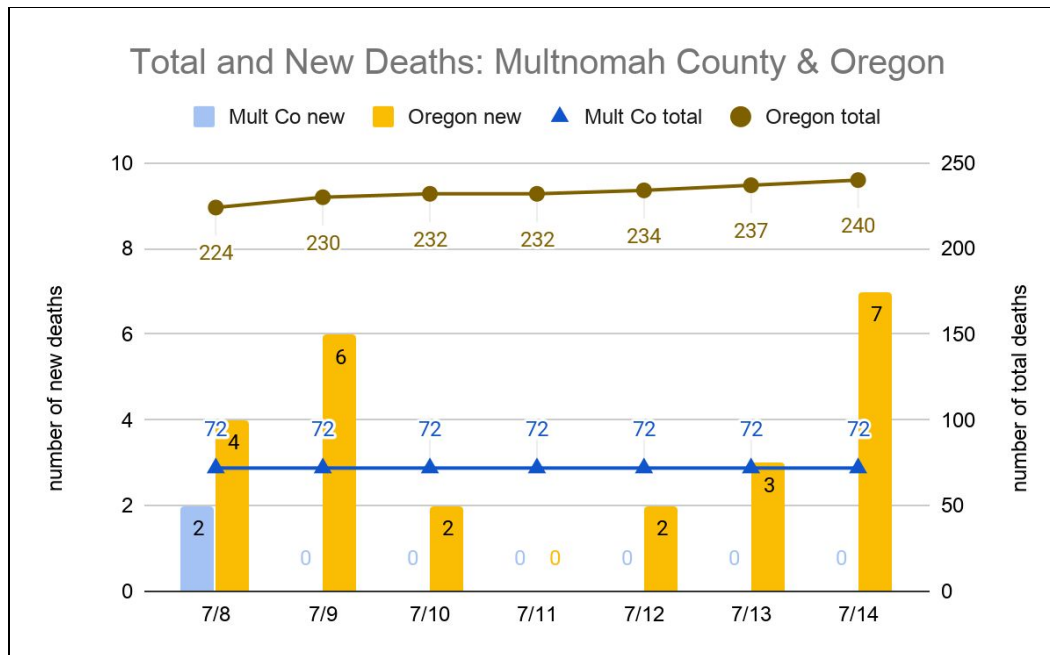


(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

Note: On July 8, Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center changed its process for collecting data on the total number of COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County. Previous to July 8, we added new Multnomah County cases to total Multnomah County cases. However, OHA sometimes corrects previously released data when a presumptive case is ultimately determined not to be COVID-19. On July 8, we began reporting Multnomah County totals from OHA's [Testing and Outcomes by County](#) summary table, in order to be consistent with OHA data. On weekends, our Multnomah County total case counts are obtained from [OHA's daily press releases](#).

There were **seven new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on July 9. **None** of these deaths were in Multnomah County. A total of **72** people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started, and there have been **240** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **30%** of the state's total. The chart below shows deaths over the past week.

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(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

National and global data about COVID-19 cases and deaths are tracked in the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), available through Johns Hopkins University's [Coronavirus Resource Center](#).

Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

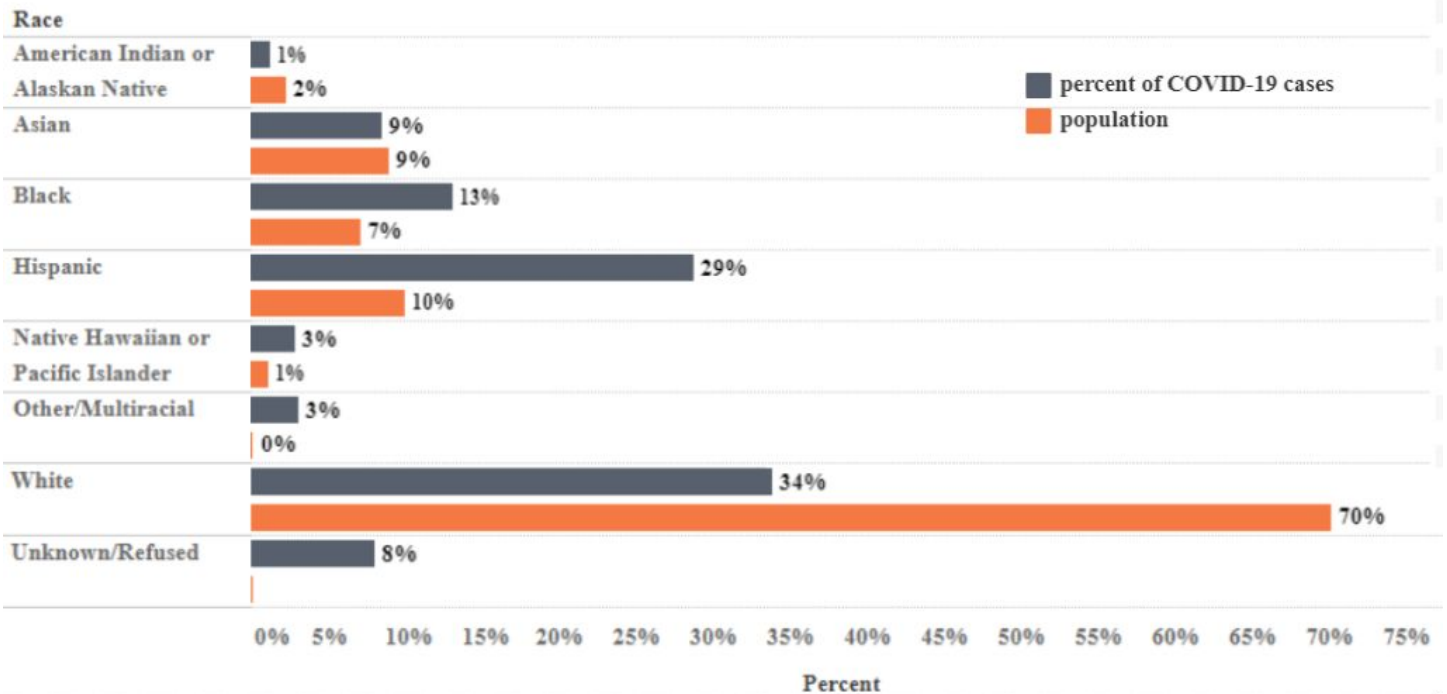
Detailed local data, including demographics (race, sex, age, and housing status) are available in the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#) hosted by Multnomah County. The dashboard also contains data on case counts, hospitalizations, symptoms and coexisting conditions, and testing. For statewide data on COVID-19 cases in Oregon by sex, age group, race, and ethnicity, consult the Oregon Health Authority's [Demographics and Disease Severity dashboard](#). National data on racial disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic is updated daily in the [COVID Racial Data Tracker](#), which is a joint project of the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic* and the [Center for Antiracist Research](#).

The charts below show **the percentage of total cases, deaths, and hospitalizations by race and ethnicity (in gray)**, as of July 13, 2020. Each chart also shows **the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity (in orange)**. Instances where the percentage of cases, deaths, and hospitalizations exceeds the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity indicate the communities that are most impacted by health inequity from COVID-19. These differences may reflect the inequitable distribution of the risks of being exposed to COVID-19 and the opportunities to access medical care and COVID-19 testing.

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Cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

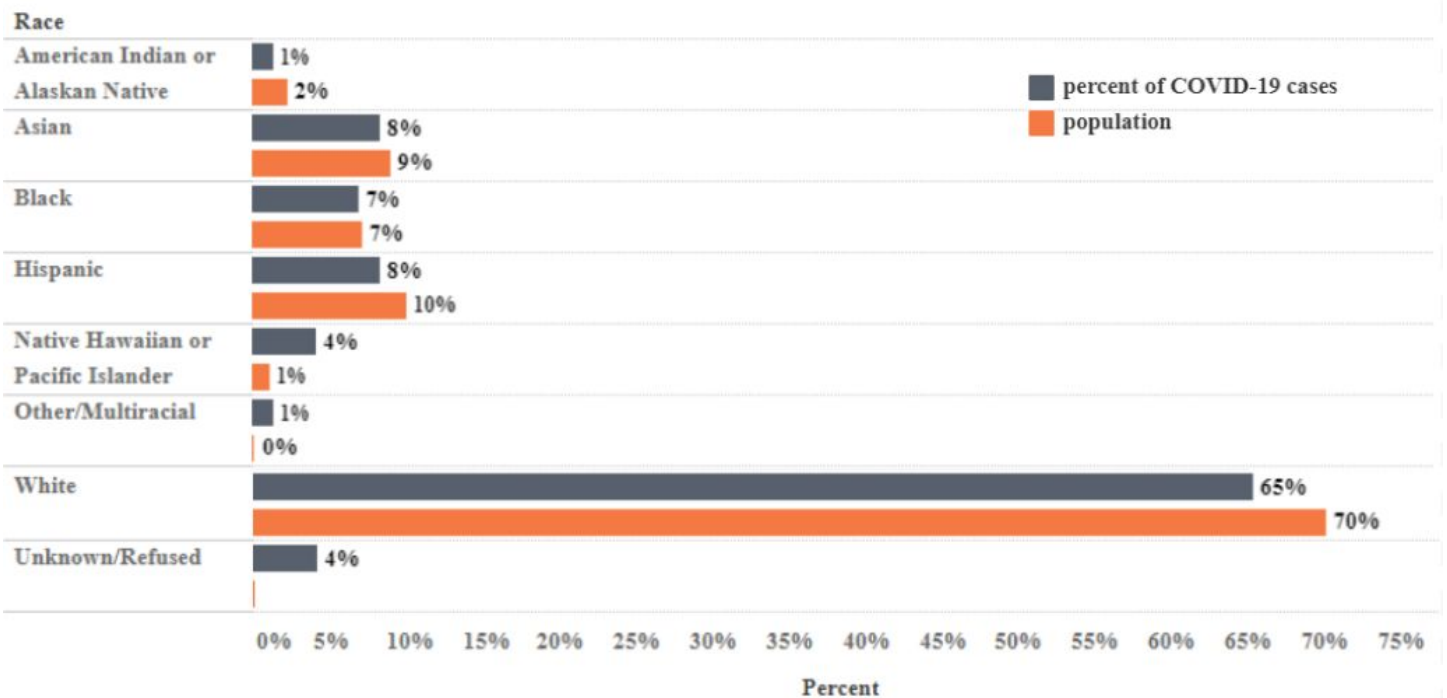
Percent of COVID-19 Cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 13, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

Deaths by race/ethnicity and population proportions

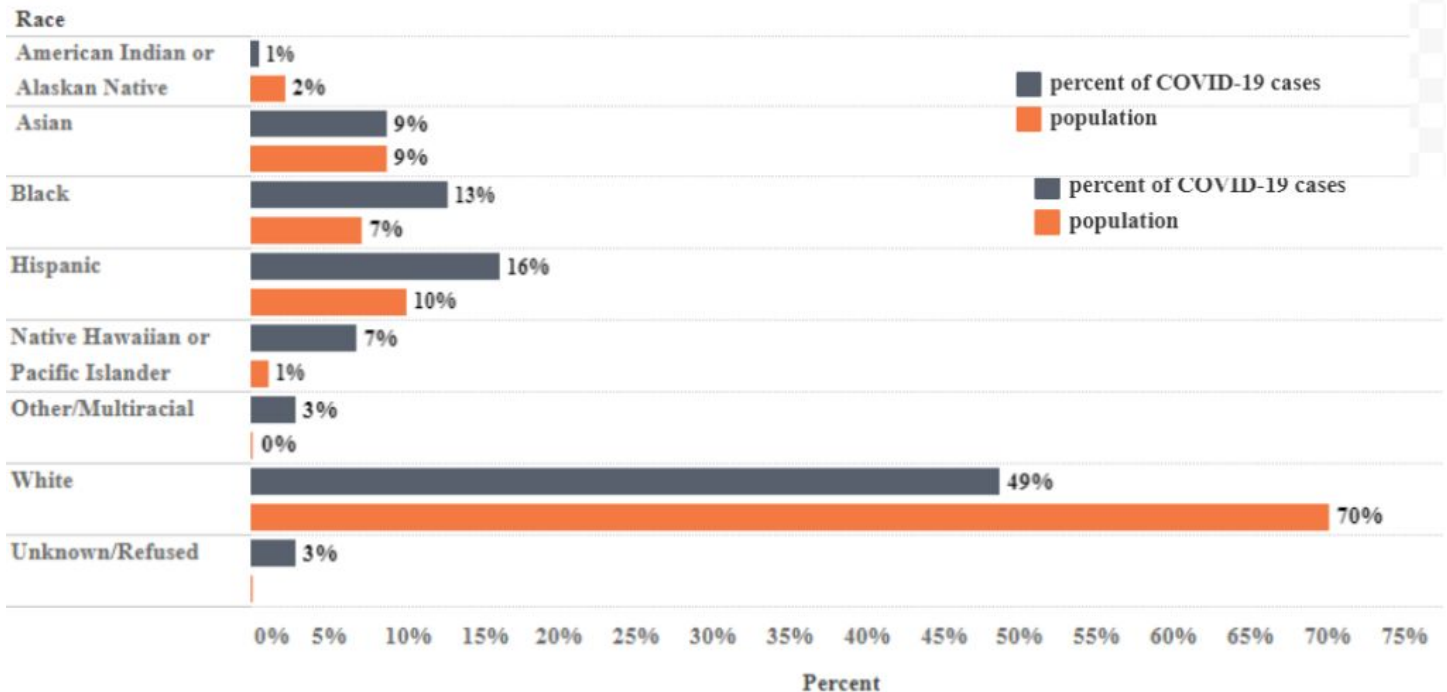
Percent of COVID-19 Deaths Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 13, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

Hospitalized cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

Percent of COVID-19 Hospitalized cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 13, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

EOC Section: [Logistics](#)

The Logistics Section supports the response actions of all other EOC sections. Logistics focuses on procedures for activating, dispatching, distributing, allocating, tracking, and deactivating resources needed for emergency and disaster operations from government, private, or volunteer sources. For Multnomah County's COVID-19 response, important Logistics functions include coordinating the donation of supplies, delivering resources to community partners, and coordinating volunteers.

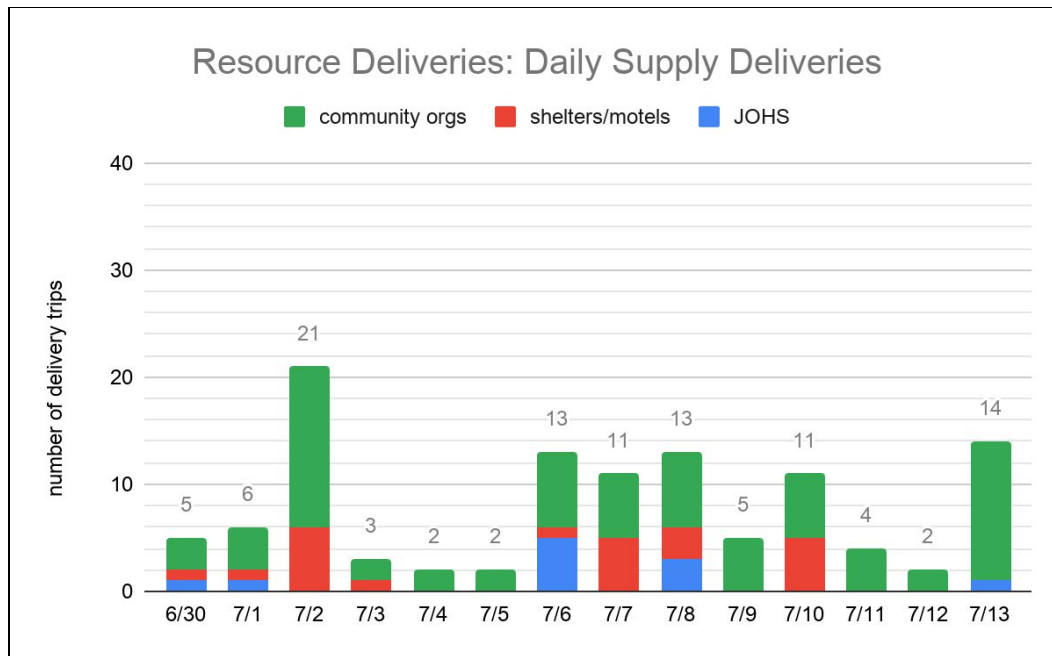
Donations Unit

Multnomah County is seeking **home-made face covers** and **home-made cloth face coverings**, which should be unused and in good condition. Multnomah County is dedicated to ensuring that these scarce resources are distributed to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. Across the country, these communities are statistically more likely to suffer grave outcomes of COVID-19 and are therefore, our donation priority. A multidisciplinary team of local municipal, county, and non-profit partners are working with community partners across the county to distribute these, and other supplies. [Learn more about how you can donate or volunteer to slow the spread of COVID-19.](#)

Resource Deliveries

The Logistics Section provides transportation for numerous response functions, including delivering supplies to community partners. The chart below shows the number of daily trips delivering resources to community organizations, County-run physical distancing shelters and voluntary isolation motels, and emergency outdoor

shelters run by the City of Portland and Multnomah County’s Joint Office of Homeless Services. The chart does not represent the quantity of supplies included in these deliveries, so a single delivery could include small or large quantities of resources.



EOC Section: [Administration](#)

The Administration Section provides targeted support to create an inclusive, positive, productive and healthy work environment across all response operations, that is responsive to the changing conditions of the COVID-19 incident. Functions include the recruitment, training and onboarding of staff and volunteers; equity and inclusion support; and human resources and labor relations consultation.

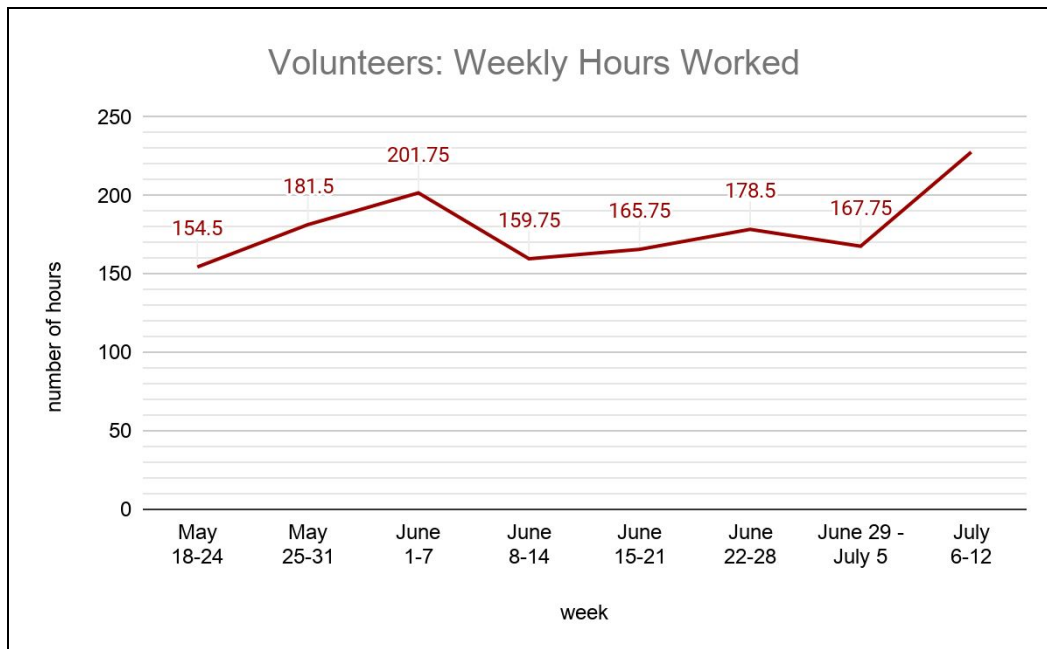
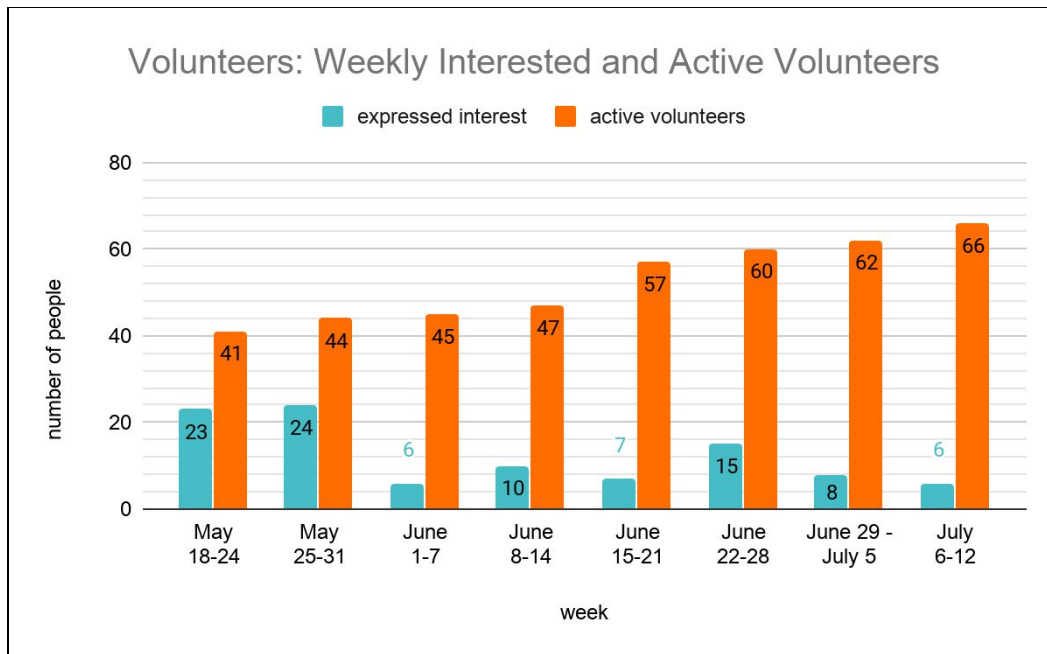
Volunteers

The Joint Volunteer Information Center (JVIC) is a partnership between the City of Portland and Multnomah County for the duration of the COVID-19 response. The JVIC bolsters and sustains community response to COVID-19 in Multnomah County and the City of Portland through promoting, organizing and supporting safe volunteer activities. JVIC staff centralize and process offers of volunteer help made to Multnomah County and the City of Portland. They then connect those offers to requests for help made from medical providers, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and government entities. The JVIC prioritizes services for historically underserved communities.

Volunteer Highlights: JVIC volunteers further the County’s EOC work through their fluency in many languages, including **American Sign Language (ASL), English, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Romanian, Russian, and Spanish.**

Weekly Metrics: The JVIC tracks how many individuals complete an interest form to express interest in volunteering, the number of active volunteers, and the number of volunteer hours worked each week. The charts below show these metrics each week for the past several weeks.

As of July 12, 2020, a total of **757 individuals have completed the volunteer interest form**. A total of **81 people have volunteered their time** with the EOC during the COVID-19 response, and **active volunteers have worked a total of 2903.33 hours**.



EOC Section: [Community Liaisons](#)

Liaisons with subject-matter expertise have been identified to support community organizations, businesses, and agencies and are meeting weekly. Liaisons are listed below and are available to members of their respective sectors. Requests for additional sectors to be created that are not covered by the established liaisons can be sent to the Liaison Group Supervisor. If you are interested in serving as a liaison, please contact the Liaison Unit Leader. Please note that the cost for non-County staff interested and able to fill vacant roles will be the responsibility of their organization.

General

- Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (Oregon OSHA) is encouraging use of its [online form for COVID-19-related workplace complaints](#), which can be used by employees or members of the public. Oregon OSHA will address inquiries and complaints, and provide advice to employers related to any potential violation of existing Oregon OSHA rules or directives issued by Oregon Governor Kate Brown, if they involve potential workplace exposure. See Oregon OSHA's [COVID-19 FAQ](#) for more information.

Affordable Housing

- During the July 13 Affordable Housing Liaison call, Home Forward's Carolina Gomez and Oregon OSHA's Nathan Sweet presented [Moving Forward: Working Safely During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). The next Affordable Housing Liaison call is Monday, July 27, at 10 am.

Business

- [Supply Connector Oregon](#) is a tool that provides a searchable database of businesses and suppliers that have been identified by Business Oregon's collaborative project. It is designed to connect businesses and communities with PPE manufacturers and suppliers.

Small Business and Community Organizations

- The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on our local small businesses. Thanks to generous support from Business Oregon, [Point West is offering a limited number of grants for qualifying small businesses](#). Take their [pre-application survey to begin the application process](#). Grants will be made in the amounts of:
 - \$2,500 (no verification required); or
 - up to \$5,000 (verification of 60 days fixed expenses)Grants will be awarded on a first-come-first served basis with a focus on sole proprietorships. All applications are due to Point West by no later than July 31, 2020

Regularly Scheduled Liaison Calls

Contact the listed liaison for information on how to participate. Email addresses are also listed in a table below.

- [Affordable Housing Liaisons](#) hold a call **every other Monday 10:00-11:00 am**.
- [Business Liaisons](#) participate on the FEMA Regional Grocer calls **every Wednesday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**.

- [Culturally Specific Communities Liaisons](#) hold weekly calls: a *Communities of Color* call **every Thursday 2:00-3:30 pm**; *Comunidad Latinx Respondiendo al COVID19* (call held in Spanish) **every Tuesday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**; and support a weekly *Oregon Pacific Islander COVID-19 Emergency Response* call **every Friday 6:00-7:00 pm**.
- [Fire Department Liaison](#) joins a regular call with multiple departments, EMS services, 9-1-1 Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC), and Multnomah County **every Monday at 1:00 pm**.
- [Food Access Liaison](#) holds weekly calls on **Thursdays at 9:00 am**.
- The Oregon Health Authority continues to hold a call **twice a month** for migrant and farm workers, please email linda.s.swyers@state.or.us to join in.
- [Liaison Sector Leaders](#) have a meeting to share updates related to the EOC, public information, and activities **every Tuesday at 9:00 am**.
- [Law Enforcement Liaison](#) hosts a weekly Zoom meeting with Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Port of Portland and Oregon Department of Justice **every Tuesday at 3:00 pm**.
- [Licensed Residential Facilities Liaison](#) holds phone calls with providers **twice a week**.
- [Maternal Child Health Liaisons](#) have a call on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:00-2:30 pm** to discuss issues of concern and potential responses, increase familiarity with the people involved and the work they do, and share resources.
- [Parks Liaison](#) holds a meeting with other parks jurisdictions in the county to share news and gather questions or themes from the group **every Wednesday at 1:00 pm**.
- [School & Childcare Liaison](#) holds calls with public K-12 schools **on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**, calls with private K-12 schools **Wednesdays at 11:00 am**, and communicates with child care providers through email **regularly**.
- The [Youth Liaison Team](#) has a coordinating call, **Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm**.

Community Liaison Team

The liaison unit comprises 47 liaisons who work in 27 sectors. These liaisons support community members by providing education and resources. They also listen to their members and elevate creative ideas and any questions to the EOC. **More than 8,100 people participate in the liaison program** and help spread accurate information throughout our community and beyond.

Liaison Group Contacts

Liaison Unit Leader	Gabby Rhett	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	503-988-0071
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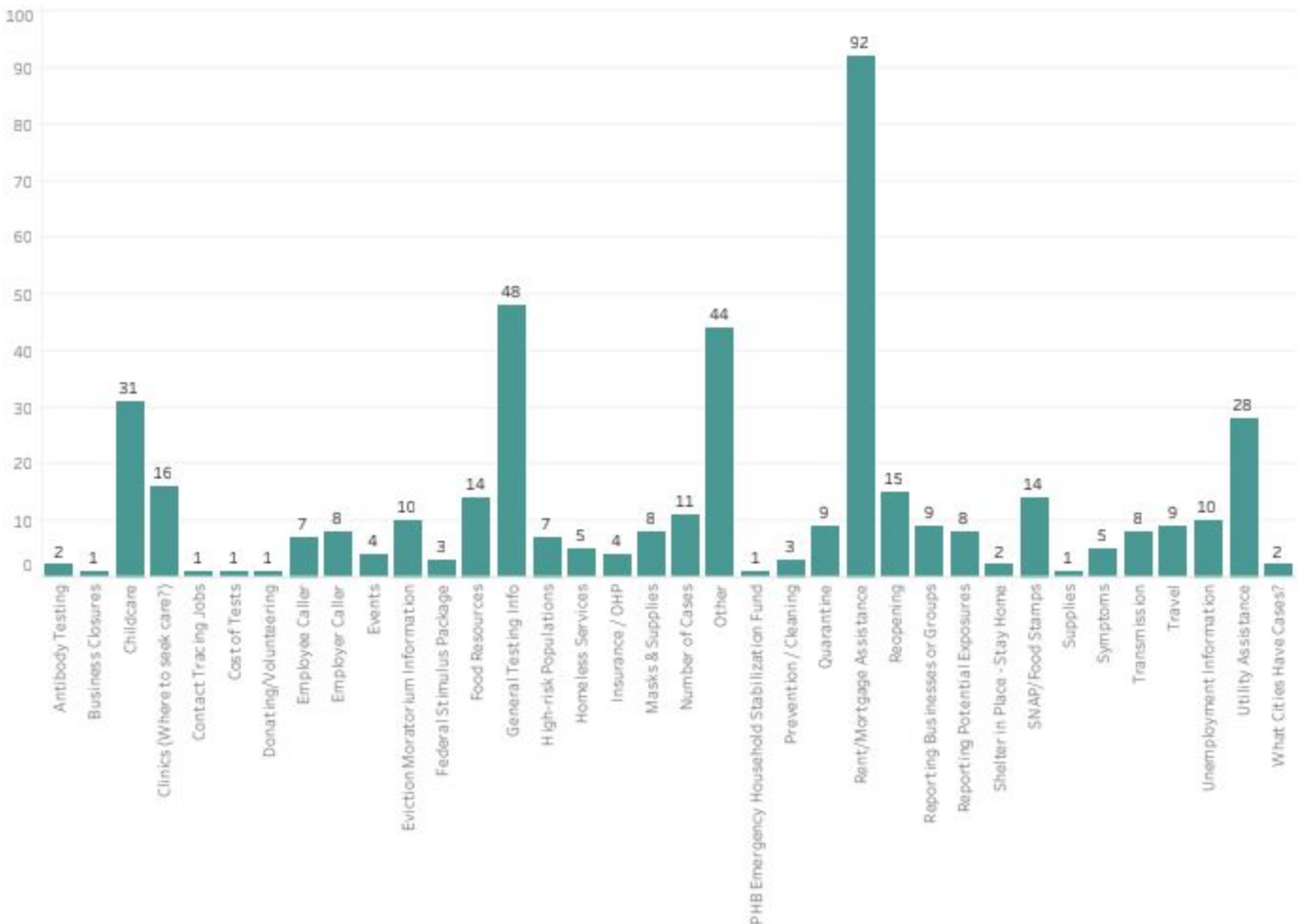
- On July 13, [OPB reported](#) that “Plans to reopen a Burgerville restaurant in Northeast Portland stalled Monday as workers strike over conditions related to the novel coronavirus, but sides appear to be nearing an agreement.”
- On July 14, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) that “Portland Public Schools has set a tentative start date for the 2020-21 academic year: Sept. 14. But the state’s largest district will only have students attend in-person classes two days per week, if at all.”

211 Calls

- There were 318 calls to 211 on Tuesday, July 14.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about rent/mortgage assistance. Other frequent inquiries were about general testing information, childcare, and utility assistance.

(chart on next page)

Reason for Contact



Data for July 14, 2020.

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- On July 12, [OPB reported that the Oregon Symphony has “announced the cancellation of all in-person concerts and events”](#) through the end of the year because of COVID-19.”
- On July 13, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that Kroger stores, including Fred Meyer and QFC, will no longer provide coin change to customers at checkout](#), due to a “national shortage of coins caused by the coronavirus pandemic.”
- On July 13, NASTAD (the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors) released [Sex and COVID-19](#), an [FAQ about how sex partners can carry different levels of risk for spreading the COVID-19 virus](#). At the same time, the organization published two infographics/flyers to answer quick questions about [Partners Within Your Home](#), and [Partners Outside Your Home](#).

- On July 13, [OPB reported](#) that “New numbers released from the Oregon Department of Corrections show a spike in cases of COVID-19 at the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario.” The Oregon Department of Corrections provides details about its COVID-19 testing efforts in its [COVID-19 Tracking tool](#).
- On July 14, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported on the continuing disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Oregon’s people of color](#).
- On July 14, [OPB reported that the Oregon Legislature’s Emergency Board has approved \\$3.58 million from state reserves to fund emergency repairs to the public water system at the Warm Springs Reservation](#). The article explained that “The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs issued a boil water notice on June 25, after drinking water system failures left some residents with no running water at all. The reservation has issued more than a dozen such notices in the last year alone. And, as of July 8, the COVID-19 infection rate on the reservation was 16 times the state average for white Oregonians and more than four times the average for other American Indian and Alaska Native groups across the state.”
- On July 14, the Oregon Legislative Emergency Board approved more than \$200 million from the state's share of federal coronavirus relief for: arts and cultural organizations; small business assistance; assistance to Black individuals, families and businesses; paid quarantine sick leave for Oregon workers; and one-time emergency relief payments of \$500 to people who have been waiting for weeks for unemployment benefits. This story was reported by [OPB](#), [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#), and the [Portland Tribune](#).
- On July 14, OPB reported that [OPB reported that the state has recovered nearly one third of jobs cut during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). On the same day, a story ran in *The Oregonian/OregonLive* [questioning the stability of Oregon’s employment numbers](#). *The Oregonian/OregonLive* reports, “Employers added nearly 57,000 jobs in aggregate” but continues, “[T]he state’s outlook is highly uncertain. Coronavirus infections are on the rise statewide and statistical models warn of “exponential growth” through the end of July. That could keep more Oregonians at home – depressing future job growth and the pace of the recovery.”

Health System Capacity

As of July 14, 2020:

Data current as of 9:00am 2020-07-14		
Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	Available	Total Staffed
Adult ICU Beds	159	766
Adult non-ICU Beds	683	4,344
NICU/PICU Beds	94	322
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	124	353

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	235	150
Current Patients in ICU Beds	64	48
Current Patients on Ventilators	35	29

Available Ventilators	779
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Note: Hospital capacity and usage data is published on weekdays only (source: [Oregon COVID-19 Update](#)).

*Note from OHA: *Every hospital in Oregon is asked to submit data twice daily to Oregon's Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP). Data are based on the most recent report from the hospitals, available as of 9:00 am. Hospital staff are asked to enter bed capacity information, by type, as well as the number of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness who are currently hospitalized at the time of data entry. These data may conflict with hospitalization status in Orpheus due to case reporting and investigation lags and temporary discrepancies in case classifications.*

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- In a special COVID-19 issue of *Hopkins Bloomberg Public Health Magazine* provides [a history and overview of contact tracing](#). From the article: "Contact tracing requires more than knowing the coronavirus's natural history and details about transmission. 'There are a lot of interpersonal skills that are important to make it through those interviews,' says Tyler Shelby, a contact tracing supervisor in New Haven, Connecticut. When calling an index patient, 'you're not really sure what you're getting into until you're on the phone. Some of these individuals are very sick.'"
- On July 10, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated its [Toolkit for the General Public](#), as well as specialized toolkits for [Businesses and Workplaces](#), [Community and Faith-based Organizations](#), [Domestic Travelers](#), [K-12 Schools](#), [Shared and Congregate Housing](#), [Young Adults 15-21](#), and [Youth Sports](#). Also on July 10, the CDC updated its guidance on [Cleaning and Disinfection for Households](#).

- On July 14, the CDC updated its [Toolkit for Employees and Worker Safety](#), and issued a [call to Americans to wear masks to prevent COVID-19 spread](#).
 - On July 14, the [Los Angeles Times reported on the rollback of reopening in California](#), following a steep increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the state. “[California’s] first-in-the-nation stay-at-home order helped the state avoid the explosion of cases and deaths that New York and New Jersey had experienced, and officials said it was safe to begin reopening the economy. But the last six weeks have been a disaster. Coronavirus cases have spiked, along with hospitalizations. In a few counties, hospitals are approaching capacity.”
 - On July 14, the [Associated Press reported](#) that “Politicians and public health leaders have publicly committed to equitably sharing any coronavirus vaccine that works, but the top global initiative to make that happen may allow rich countries to reinforce their own stockpiles while making fewer doses available for poor ones.”
 - On July 14, the [Associated Press reported](#) that an experimental COVID-19 vaccine developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. will soon begin a 30,000 person trial, “to prove if the shots really are strong enough to protect against the coronavirus.”
 - On July 14, [The Hill reported that on July 15, “Hospitals will begin sending coronavirus-related information directly to the Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\), not the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\), under new instructions from the Trump administration.”](#)
 - On July 14, the [Boston Globe reported](#) on the status of international students as colleges and universities shift to online learning. The article states, “Facing fierce opposition, the US Department of Homeland Security Tuesday announced that it has withdrawn visa guidelines that barred international students from the US if all of their classes were to be conducted online this fall.” This followed the July 13 [announcement by Oregon’s Attorney General](#) that Oregon would join 18 other states in filing an injunction to stop a new federal law from expelling these students from the United States. This story was also reported by [The Hill](#).
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Stay Informed, Get Involved

COVID-19 Response

- **Local response:** the [Multnomah County COVID-19 website](#) is regularly updated with new information and guidance. Topics covered include:
 - [Daily Living](#)
 - [Reopening & Guidance](#)
 - [Symptoms, Testing & Care](#)
 - [Outbreak Summary](#), including the [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
 - [Get or Give Help During COVID-19](#)
 - [What’s open — and what is closed — at MultCo during COVID-19](#)
 - [Discrimination, stigma and COVID-19](#)
- **State response:** [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website](#)
- **National response:** [CDC website](#)

Media

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please **contact Julie Sullivan-Springhetti**, Multnomah County Public Information Media Coordinator at: **503-502-2741**.

Check out our [list of trusted sources](#) for current national and regional COVID-19 information.

Volunteers

- Are you interested in assisting during this incident? Please complete a [volunteer interest form](#).

Activated Call Centers

Call Center	Phone Number	Email	Hours
211 Call Center	211	help@211info.org	seven days a week, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888 Toll-free: 800-716-9769 TTY: 711		open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
Aging & Disabilities Resource Connection	503-988-3646	adrc@multco.us	information and assistance to older people, people with disabilities, and caregivers, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
City County Information and Referral	503-823-4000		Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Help and Resources

- **Having symptoms?**
 - [C19Oregon.com](https://c19oregon.com) is an online triage tool that helps public health officials track COVID-19 cases and allows community members to check their symptoms and receive guidance.

More questions?

- Consult the [Multnomah County COVID-19 FAQs](#).
- [Call 211](#).
- Still can't find the answer you're looking for? Submit [questions about the novel coronavirus](#) to Multnomah County.

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